

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S4523–S4556*

**Measures Introduced:** Twelve bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1643–1654, and S. Res. 208–210. **Pages S4544–45**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 1645, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. (S. Rept. No. 114–70) **Page S4544**

#### Measures Passed:

**Ulysses S. Grant Association:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 209, designating the Ulysses S. Grant Association as the organization to implement the bicentennial celebration of the birth of Ulysses S. Grant, Civil War General and 2-term President of the United States. **Page S4554**

**125th Anniversary of the State of Wyoming:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 210, celebrating the 125th anniversary of the State of Wyoming. **Page S4554**

#### House Messages:

**Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act House Message—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the House message to accompany H.R. 644, to reauthorize trade facilitation and trade enforcement functions and activities, taking action on the following motion proposed thereto: **Pages S4523–25**

Pending:

McConnell motion to insist upon the Senate amendment, request a conference with the House of Representatives, and authorize the Presiding Officer to appoint conferees. **Page S4523**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the McConnell motion to insist upon the Senate amendment, request a conference with the House of Representatives, and authorize the Presiding Officer to appoint conferees, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the motion to concur in the amendment of the

House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with McConnell/Hatch Amendment No. 2065.

**Pages S4523, S4554**

**Defending Public Safety Employees' Retirement Act House Message:** Senate resumed consideration of the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2146, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers to make penalty-free withdrawals from governmental plans after age 50, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Page S4529**

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Amendment No. 2060 (to the House Amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill), to change the enactment date. **Page S4529**

McConnell Amendment No. 2061 (to Amendment No. 2060), of a perfecting nature. **Page S4529**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 60 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 218), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Pages S4528–29**

McConnell motion to refer the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 2062, to change the enactment date, fell when cloture was invoked on the McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Page S4529**

McConnell Amendment No. 2063 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2062), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell motion to refer the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 2062 fell. **Page S4529**

McConnell Amendment No. 2064 (to Amendment No. 2063), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell Amendment No. 2063 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2062) fell. **Page S4529**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, post-cloture, at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, June 24, 2015; and that all time during the adjournment of the Senate count post-cloture.

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#### Appointments:

**Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy:** The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 4355(a), appointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy: Senator Gillibrand, designee of the Committee on Armed Services, and Senator Murphy, designee of the Committee on Appropriations.

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

LaVerne Horton Council, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Information and Technology). **Pages S4551, S4554**

David J. Shulkin, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs. **Pages S4541, S4554**

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

50 Army nominations in the rank of general.

11 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

29 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S4551–54, S4554–56**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S4544**

**Measures Placed on the Calendar:** **Pages S4523, S4544**

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—218) **Page S4529**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:10 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 24, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the

remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4554.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill entitled, "Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016".

### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SPENDING AT THE OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded a hearing to examine information technology spending and data security at the Office of Personnel Management, after receiving testimony from Katherine Archuleta, Director, and Michael R. Esser, Assistant Inspector General for Audits, both of the Office of Personnel Management; and Richard A. Spires, Resilient Network Systems, Inc., Washington, D.C.

### BUSINESS MEETING

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill entitled, "Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016".

### NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

**Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:** Committee received a briefing on the oversight review of the National Flood Insurance Program from Christopher Ford, Chief Investigative Counsel, Lucas Moskowitz, Senior Investigative Counsel, and Brian Daner, Investigative Counsel, all of the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

### RECALLS OF DEFECTIVE TAKATA AIRBAGS

**Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine an update on the recalls of defective Takata air bags and NHTSA's vehicle safety efforts, after receiving testimony from Mark R. Rosekind, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and Calvin L. Scovel III, Inspector General, both of the Department of Transportation; Kevin M. Kennedy, TK Holdings Inc., and Scott G. Kunselman, FCA US LLC, both of Auburn Hills, Michigan; and Rick Schostek, Honda North America, Marysville, Ohio.